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God Bless America!
God Bless Those Who Protect It!

Information Security
Computer
Become One

At issue, more than just computer slow downs. Cyber intruders with the ability to erase or alter crucial government information.

Over 100 countries already have or are developing computer attack capabilities . . NSA has determined that potential adversaries are developing a body of knowledge about U.S. systems and methods to attack them.

The Threat

Recently released information about the security and safety of our virtual work places continue to paint a gloom and doom portrait of the future of information - to include the nation's critical infrastructures. Government experts tell how recent attacks foreshadow much more devastating INTERNET threats to come. Although most of our work is done on secure systems, expect to see changes in our security posture, and to the policies and procedures that protect our information as these threats are identified and we are forced to take whatever measures are necessary to protect our defense information and systems.

Keep in mind that the measures we may employ are not intended to detract from the convenience of getting the job done, but are a necessary part of the 2001 and beyond cyber work environment. Whether inside an office, at

Also pointed out during recent testimony at a House subcommittee hearing was the growing risk posed by terrorists or hostile foreign intelligence states to severely damage or disrupt national defense or vital public operations through computer based attacks on the nation's critical infrastructures. An infrastructure on which even classified environments depend heavily.

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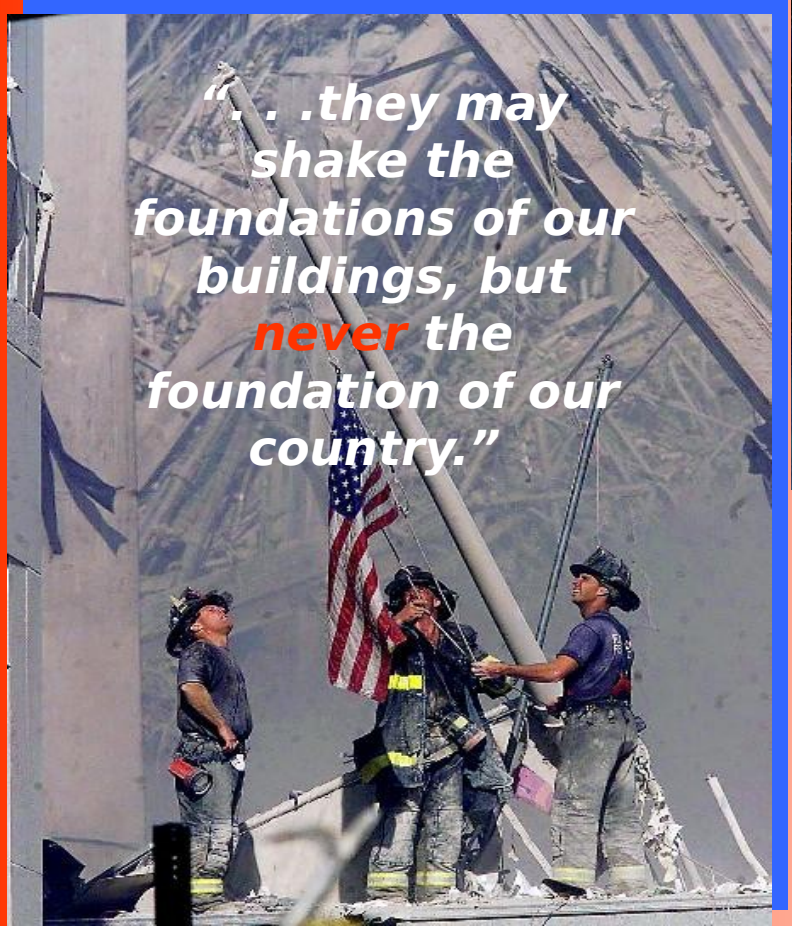

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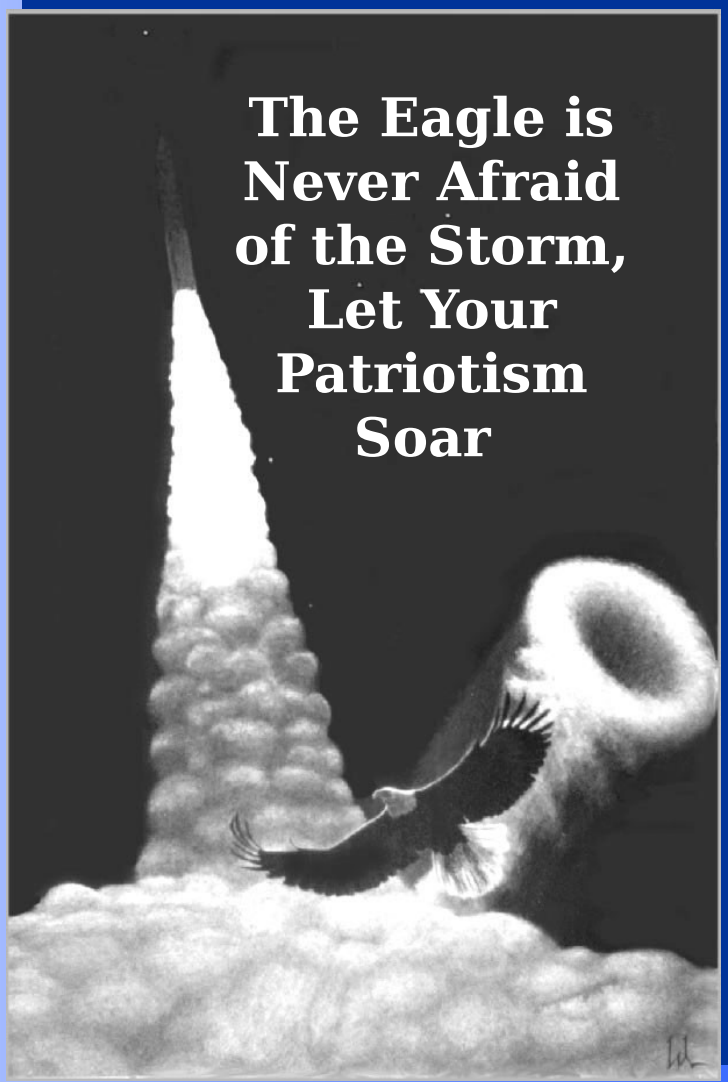

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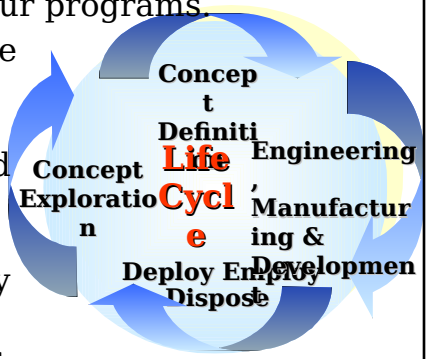
You can no longer address information security without considering computer security or vice versa. Most, if not all of the information we create, mark, transmit, or destroy is held in cyberspace. Test results, weapons specifications, software programs(obviously) are all part of a virtual work platform where we rely on electronics and software to store, retrieve and protect. Traditional requirements for marking, safeguarding and destroying the information remain in place, but "how" we accomplish these tasks has changed greatly in the last two decades.

RTP – A Program That Can Help

RTP Special Report #4, *Information Life Cycle*, will be released in the near future. It will focus your attention on the life of the information in our programs.



As you read the report, please take the time to truly understand the value of our defense and national security information at each stage of its life cycle. This is essential when you are called upon to protect the information as it takes on different mission essential forms. R&D information or information "on-the-drawing-board" that one day will be used to develop a weapons system, is for example, protected differently than when it is actually deployed as part of a mission. Security may change again when the technology is enhanced.

Recognize and appreciate the changes the information will take on. Appreciate and respond to the request of Security

Suspicious Phone Calls

If you receive a suspicious telephone call . . .

SAVE IT and CONTACT SECURITY IMMEDIATELY

Familiarize yourself with local procedures for reporting suspicious telephone calls, activities or persons. BE PREPARED and EVER VIGILANT!